

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were pending and are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C.

§121.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors. No new matter has been added by the above amendments to the specification.

The Examiner requested restriction to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10.
- II. Claims 11-16.
- III. Claims 17-23.
- IV. Claims 24-34.

This restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. However, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute in this application Invention II as previously defined by claims 11-16. Applicants contend that Invention II also includes claims 1-10 (as amended), 24-34 (as amended) and claim 35 (new) as explained below.

Invention II – New independent claim 35 has been added. Claim 11, formerly independent, has been amended to depend from claim 35, not to narrow its scope in any way. Claims 12-16 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis and/or to make use of the same terminology as claims 11 and 35, not to narrow their scope in any way.

Invention I – Claim 1, formerly independent, has been amended to depend from claim 35, not to narrow its scope in any way. Claims 2-10 have been amended to provide proper antecedent basis and/or to make use of the same terminology as claims 1 and 35, not to narrow their scope in any way.

Invention IV – Claim 24, formerly independent, has been amended to depend from claim 35, not to narrow its scope in any way. Claims 25-33 have been amended to provide proper

antecedent basis and/or to make use of the same terminology as claims 24 and 35, not to narrow their scope in any way.

As a result of these amendments, claims 1-16 and 24-34 all depend (directly or indirectly) from claim 35.

Invention III – Applicants have withdrawn claims 17-23, which are retained in this application, unexamined, pending allowance of a generic or linking claim.

Favorable action is solicited. In addition, Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the number provided below if the Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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